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Mr. Gary E. Walsh Executive Director Public Service Commission of South Carolina P. O. Box 11649 Columbia, SC 29211

RE: Docket 1997-239-C - Universal Service Fund

Dear Mr. Walsh:

I am writing on behalf of Verizon South Inc. to request an additional extension of time to September 1, 2003 in which to make possible tariff filings in the above referenced docket. Verizon requested its original extension on March 31, 2003, which was granted by the Commission on April 24, 2003 in Order 2003-280.

Verizon has been working to identify implicit support in its rates, however, due to other requirements, i.e. compilation of cost studies, Verizon has not had an opportunity to complete its analyst. Therefore, we would like to request a delay consistent with the requests made by the South Carolina Telephone Coalition and ALLTEL.

Your consideration of this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

State Director

cc: Parties of Record